

**REMARKS**

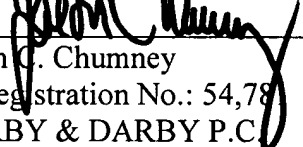
Claims 11-27 and 34-39 are pending were previously pending. Claims 40 and 41 have been added, and are directed to species (b) denoted by the Examiner. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants provisionally elect species "b" denoted by the Examiner (a crystalline polymorph of anhydrous sodium 4-((4-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoyl)amino)butanoate recited in claims 15 and 16). Claims 15-17, 19-27 and 40 and 41 read on this species.

Favorable consideration of the claims on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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